

## LOCAL COMMUNITY FAIR JUNE 13-17

The fair city of Torrance will have its third annual Torrance community fair June 13 through 17, it was announced last night at a kick-off banquet held by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the event.

This year's fair will be held at the National Guard Armory located at Cabrillo and Lincoln.

Guests for the evening were city officials, presidents, and representatives of each club and organization in the Torrance

area, as well as fair committee members.

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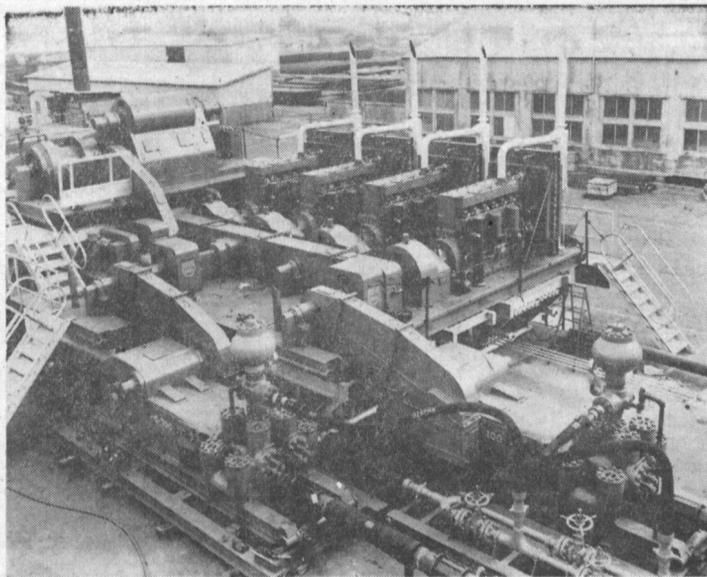
Anyone who has not been contacted and is interested in making money for their group, may get all the details by calling the Fair Chairman at FAirfax 8-6329, or any of the following committee members: Phil Lisman, Bob Curry, Keith Pishel, Johnny Mangan, Wally Shepard, Howard West, Larry Lindberg, or Don Pepe.

## YMCA Swim Awards Nite Scheduled

The Torrance YMCA will hold its Award Night for the 260 boys who participated in the YMCA-Lions Club Learn to Swim campaign during Easter vacation, on Friday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. at the YMCA, 2080 Washington.

Boys participating in the swim program will be awarded swim certificates. A Los Angeles county life guard will be present to give some hints on water safety. The program will be highlighted by movies of YMCA Camp Round Meadow.

Dick Brown, program director of the "Y," Cliff Graybehl, swimming instructor, and Jack Breglio, program assistant, will be present to answer questions on the swimming, camping and summer program planned for this year.



### OFF TO JAPAN

A type 110 Consolidated Rig is shown as it was rigged up and test operated at the Torrance plant of The National Supply company, prior to shipment to Japan. In addition to the Type 110 Draw Works, and MS-20 1/2 Rotary, the rig includes a four-section drive group with Superior PTD-6 Engines and Gyrol Fluid Drives, and two G-700 Slush Pumps. Other National Supply equipment includes a 648-TU Crown Block, a 548-TC Traveling Block, an N-815 Swivel, and a Type D Line Anchor, to be used with a 147-foot Super Kay Derrick.

## National Supply Equipment Sent To Japan for Drilling Operations

Wildcat drilling to depths below 12,000 feet may be started soon in Japan, where present wells have a maximum depth of less than 6000 feet.

In preparation for such deep drilling, the Teikoku Oil company has purchased a Type 110 rig from The National Supply company, and expects to begin operations in April or May.

The equipment, which was rigged up and test operated at National Supply's Torrance plant prior to shipment, arrived in Yokohama in January, and was scheduled to be shipped to the Higashi Nagaoka area at the end of Japan's rainy season. It may possibly be used in offshore drilling.

This is the first complete rig purchased by the Japanese oil industry since 1937. At that time, Japanese interests purchased a large steam rig from The National Supply Company for use on Formosa. In 1949, the U. S. Army, under direction of SCAP, shipped a rig to

Japan, but this was returned to the United States unused.

The decision to seek oil at greater depths is the outgrowth of geological and geographical studies conducted by American technicians during the time of the Allied Occupation of Japan. Subsequently the Teikoku Oil company expanded its own studies along these lines, and is understood to have located numerous structures that are considered favorable to the possible discovery of oil.

### Decide to Drill

When decisions were made to drill below 12,000, the Japanese Government authorized the issuance of import licenses and dollar exchange to permit the purchase of machinery. National Supply did considerable business with the Japanese oil industry from 1910 until the beginning of World War I. After that war, however, the Japanese began manufacturing their own oil field equipment,

primarily for shallow drilling. Japan's deepest wells, 5,580 feet, are in the Yabase field, discovered in 1934 in northwest Honshu Island. There are seven other fields, in which the maximum depths range from 650 to 4,270 feet. The oldest field, Higashiyama, was discovered in 1893.

For many years, production in Japan was controlled by the refining companies, which were unwilling to assume the financial risks of exploratory drilling.

### Industry Rehabilitated

Prior to World War II, the Japanese Government established the Teikoku Oil company, owned half privately and half by the Government, and gave it a virtual monopoly of production. The fields were exploited to obtain maximum possible recovery, without respect to efficient production. Much of the nation's refining capacity was destroyed by Allied bombing during the war, but the industry has been rehabilitated since 1950, largely with the aid of foreign capital.

Early in 1956, the Japan Petroleum Exploration company, Ltd., owned half by the government and half by a consortium of oil companies, including Teikoku Oil company, was established to carry on wildcatting operations. However, it is understood that the National Type 110 Rig will be used by the Teikoku Oil company within its own areas of operation.

In addition to the Type 110 Draw Works, the rig includes a four-section drive group with PTD-6 Engines and Gyrol Fluid Drives. Other units include two G-700 Pumps, MS-20 1/2 Rotary, a 648-TU Crown Block, a 548-TC Traveling Block, an N-815 Swivel, and a Type D Line Anchor.

An interesting sidelight to the transaction was that the Teikoku Oil Company required National Supply to submit testimonials from other users, certifying that a Type 110 Rig would drill to 13,000 feet. One customer reported using such a rig successfully at 15,224 feet

## Spring Food Sale Slated At Clark's

Clark officials today announced the beginning of one of the greatest money-saving sales of the year. It is Clark's annual spring food sale and all reports indicate that it will be the biggest for the Clark chain. The big event gets underway today and will last for four days through Sunday, April 8.

Clark's annual spring food sale will offer outstanding buys from every department at prices that have not been seen in this section of the city for many, many months, Clark officials announced.

Unusually great savings will be offered in top quality meat and farm-fresh fruit and vegetables in addition to terrific savings on famous groceries that will really make it worthwhile to stock-up for the weeks ahead, officials stated.

## Delegation

At the recent regular meeting of the Women of the Moose, Peggy Peacock and Joyce Clay were chosen to represent the club at the meeting of the Torrance Recreation Council which was held Tuesday.

The Women of the Moose are planning to take part in the Torrance Community Fair in June.

## Eastern Star To Observe 1955 Night

Junior Past Matron, Phyllis Peverley, and Junior Past Patron, Earl Wells, and their corps of officers will be honored tonight when Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, observes "1955 Night."

The meeting will be held in the new Masonic Temple, 2336

Cabrillo avenue, at 8 p.m. Worthy Matron, Dorothy Fyken, and Worthy Patron, Edward Morgan, will preside during the business session.

A social hour in the Banquet Hall will follow and Vivian Cook, Past Matron, is chairman with Lea Wells and Ethyl Peverley as co-chairmen. All members of the chapter and visiting members of the Order are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

YOUR FACE is a book, where men may read strange matters.

## News Briefs

**ARRESTED:** Bob Payne, 28, of Redondo Beach, was arrested in Salinas on suspicion of having burglarized the home of Walter Gillard, 918 Crenshaw. He is accused of having taken \$2700 in goods during October 1955, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton. Payne is married and has two children.

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